



# OPINION

## BRAINSTORMS

### Alabama's Two-Year Colleges & Market Based Learning

by Dr. Fred Gainous  
Chancellor Ala. Dept. of Postsecondary Education

We are not baseball fans ... sometimes getting caught up in the World Series, but not much else. However we find ourselves watching lately, but with mixed emotions as home run hitters challenge the record set by some American heroes. It is hard not to be defensive of Roger Maris' record, as it was hard to cheer Roger on as he broke the record of one of our real baseball hero, Babe Ruth. Monday we got a thrill watching the replays of Mark McGwire's homer, tying the Maris record. Apparently this man is a cut above the professional athlete who gets drunk, arrested, up on women, etc. He gives God credit for whatever happens, his 10 year old son was on the field as a bat boy and got a big hug from dad, the opposing team members (including another challenger Sammy Sosa) were congratulating him, he saluted the family of the late Roger Maris ... the list goes on. By the time you are reading this, the man may have broken Maris's record. If he does, salute.

As an afterthought of the above, we wonder aloud just how much better Babe Ruth would have been if he had taken care of his body and trained as some of today's athletes do. There is no doubt the whisky and chasing skirts, which the Babe is accused of doing, really cut into his efficiency. We will never know, but us Babe Ruth fans will always dream of greater things.

Recent stories of the March '98 Elba flood have appeared in several state newspapers. The articles were generally accurate but the headlines have raised the hackles of a number of Elba residents ... mostly downtown business people. If a person only read the headlines, it would appear that downtown Elba was becoming a ghost town as businesses flocked to the bypass. As one caller said Tuesday morning, "Many of the buildings they are picturing were empty before the flood." That is true but perception is sometimes stronger than fact. What we need to do is stress the positive every chance we get.

We can't say too much about the work that National Guard engineering unit from Dothan is doing for Elba. They have been working seven days a week to complete their mission of helping flood proof Elba. We appreciate their efforts and have told them so. Hopefully, many of you are doing the same thing.

Boy, this past weekend Elba was almost a ghost town! It is normal for a lot of folks to go visiting, but normally many of these people are visiting Elba. Apparently, they didn't do that this year. We assume all those folks who said they were going to the beach, actually went to the beach ... and stayed there for the whole holiday weekend. A number of the local churches could have combined congregations Sunday morning and still not overfilled the pews.

Football ... no, we better not get into that one this week, there are already too many folks who don't like the outcome of particular games and might decide to take out their frustrations on a hapless editorial writer. That doesn't mean we are in the category with the cowards, just beginning to get smart enough to know when the keep our very loud mouth shut. Hey, it can be done, especially when your foot has been in it as often as yours truly's has been.

#### ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

September 1 thru September 7, 1998

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of September 1, 1998, through September 7, 1998. They were: Crystal Sewell, Rebecca Stinson, Ruby Cordle, Hennion Cordle, Susan Harris, Ida Mae Price, Kenneth Johnson, Ollie Farris, Thomas Trimm, J. C. Johnson, John B. Johnson, Cressie Harrison, Judy Wilson, Josh Lawford, Earl Hussey, Jessie Harrison, Ocie Phillips, Mary Ware, Margaret Jones, Ricky Harrelson, and Valrie Mitchell.

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employers are franticly seeking skilled workers. According to a recent study, nearly 100 percent of the nation's employers indicate that all their existing workers will need additional training by the year 2000. Eighty-eight percent of American manufacturers indicate that they are experiencing a shortage of qualified workers and are returning to the market a few years ago and are returning to improve their skills and competencies in order to secure better jobs or better positions in the jobs they already have. They will continue to return for that purpose during their working lifetimes. Often they are the ones pursuing alternative options which will give them the skills and competencies which employers are seeking.

These students are designing their own education based on personal need, not just pursuing a degree or certificate, but specific job-related skills and competencies. Many are seeking these skills and competencies on a part-time basis over a period which might extend to several years.

Eighty percent of the new jobs available in the next decade will require a minimum of two years of postsecondary education. Eighty-five percent of all jobs will require skilled workers or professionals. Seventy-five percent of the people working today will still be in the work force in the next decade, and will require continuous higher level training in order to advance. Employees must come to grips with the need for lifelong learning in order to maintain productive employment.

A huge volume of adult students are returning to two-year colleges, due to their working lifetime, to pursue their skills and competencies rather than degrees and certificates. They seek to improve their employment prospects at a time when employers seek workers with specific skills and competencies rather than degrees and certificates. Under such circumstances, it makes no sense to judge programs in terms of the number of degrees and certificates awarded within a three-year period.

Similarly, with the incredible demand for training and retraining, and the hue and cry from employers from all segments of business and industry for more training and more highly educated workers, regulations which restrict efforts to bring educational services to locations convenient to consumers are detrimental to both employers and students. Likewise, regulations which slow the response of institutions to the demands of educational consumers injure both employers and employees. Counting the number of places where educational services are offered, counting the number of people at those locations, and requiring a year or more for the approval of programs to train employees are simply archaic measures which ignore the market-based learning and sensitivity to educational consumers.

At a cost to each household in the state of about 35 cents a day, two-year colleges provide education and training to almost 100,000 Alabamians. For less than the price of a can of soda for each household each day, Alabama's two-year colleges provide market-based learning and consumer sensitivity in education in order to meet the critical training needs of employees and employers. Market-based learning and consumer sensitivity in education will position Alabama for economic survival in the global competition of the 21st century if educational policy supports market need within a three-year period.

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This means that in order to deal with today's social reality, Alabama's two-year colleges must offer the broadest possible access so that all Alabamians gain the skills they need to be productive careers. Alabama's two-year colleges must operate flexibly, continue to partner with industry, and assume an expanded role in work force development and community development. In order to accomplish this, educational policy must support market need. Alabama needs, as in other states, streamlined bureaucratic regulations which facilitate market-based learning to be revised.

For example, regulations which measure the effectiveness of programs in terms of the number of degrees or certificates awarded must be recognized as outdated hindrances to employers and students.

### EHS Class of '88 Plans Meeting

The 1988 Class of Elba High School will have a Reunion Committee meeting Thursday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. at Kelly's Barbecue.

The group will begin organization of the 10th class reunion.

Anyone interested in helping with the reunion is invited to attend.



### Elba Police Report

August 31 Thru September 6, 1998

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, August 31, 1998, investigated the following incidents: six thefts, three harassments, two assaults, two criminal mischiefs, one unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle, one burglary, two harassing communication, one passing of a counterfeit bill, and one robbery.

Arrests made during the week were one for assault and two for harassment.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: six speeding, two for running a stop sign, and two for running a red light.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

**MONDAY, AUGUST 31** - River stage - 4.61 feet (6:11 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Samson Road (12:21 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a grass fire on AL Hwy. 125 (2:04 a.m.); River stage - 2.62 feet (6:00 a.m.); Minor wreck reported at Cook Chevrolet (2:41 p.m.); Wreck reported at the intersection of Adkinson and Simmons streets (3:20 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1** - Traffic stage - 3.96 feet (6:11 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Gray St. (8:59 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Kendrick Apts. (8:43 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3** - River stage - 3.96 feet (6:11 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Gray St. (8:59 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Kendrick Apts. (8:43 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4** - River stage - 2.67 feet (6:27 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on AL Hwy. 125 (2:04 a.m.); River stage - 2.62 feet (6:00 a.m.); Minor wreck reported at Cook Chevrolet (2:41 p.m.); Wreck reported at the intersection of Adkinson and Simmons streets (3:20 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5** - Traffic stage - 3.96 feet (6:15 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Gray St. (9:05 p.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer for Elba General Hospital Emergency Room (8:33 p.m.); Rescue squad dispatched to Brinson Trailer Court on East Davis St. (10:23 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1** - Alarm at a residence on N. Claxton Ave. (12:57 a.m.); River stage - 4.35 feet (6:24 a.m.); Alarm at Kelley Foods (7:06 a.m.); Fight reported on Brunson St. (10:55 a.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported on AL Hwy. 87N (2:55 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on N. Claxton St. (3:02 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Samson Road (3:04 p.m.); Fight reported on Martin Luther King Dr. (8:45 p.m.); Fight reported on Martin Luther King Dr. (8:59 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6** - River stage - 3.74 feet (6:38 a.m.); Disturbance reported in Burch's Trailer Court (9:17 p.m.); Disturbance reported in Little Beaver Trailer Court (10:00 p.m.).

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7** - River stage - 3.60 feet (6:30 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Gray St. (9:05 p.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer to Southeast Alabama Medical Center (9:48 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8** - Alarm at a residence on N. Claxton Ave. (12:57 a.m.); River stage - 4.35 feet (6:24 a.m.); Alarm at Kelley Foods (7:06 a.m.); Fight reported on Brunson St. (10:55 a.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported on AL Hwy. 87N (2:55 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on N. Claxton St. (3:02 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Old Samson Road (3:04 p.m.); Fight reported on Martin Luther King Dr. (8:45 p.m.); Fight reported on Martin Luther King Dr. (8:59 p.m.).

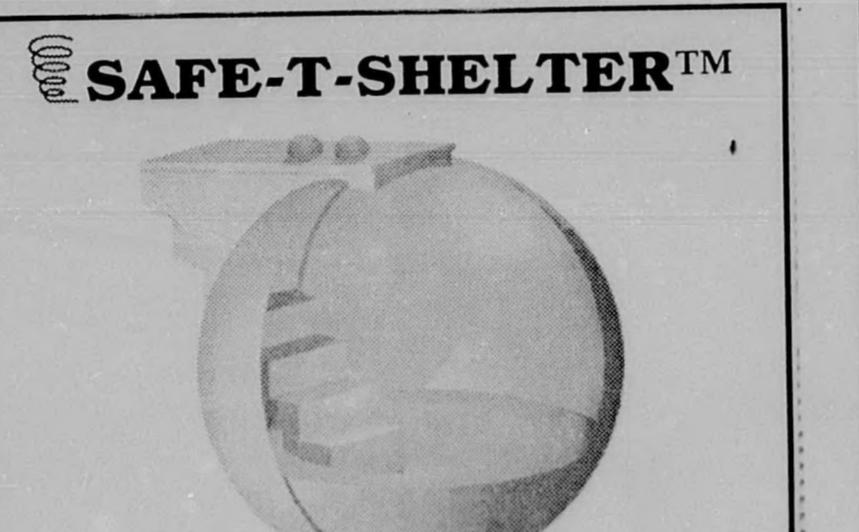
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## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

President Clinton's affair in the White House with his intern has irreparably degraded the Presidency and our nation in the eyes of the whole world. It is only fitting that our country's president resigns from office.

In answer to pleas that we forgive the president his transgressions and move on, Missouri Sen. John Ashcroft notes that forgiveness is a spiritual not a political concept. He insists that "the state's role is to enforce the law and implement justice," not to grant abolution. The issue is perjury.

If all a person had to do was confess to avoid consequences, confessions would constitute a license to do wrong granted after the fact," Ashcroft observes. "That would give us a lot of forgiveness and a lawless society." (Boston Herald, 8-31-98)

Clinton should take his own advice and resign.

/s/ **Eunie Smith, President**  
**Eagle Forum of Alabama**

Dear Mr. Cox,

I have just finished reading your column in the Sept. 3 issue of *The Elba Clipper*. I am a constant reader

of your column as well as the rest of

my hometown newspaper, and I especially appreciate your positive and encouraging remarks about the "come back" from the floods.

I especially noted the paragraph about the beautiful beauty shop of Denise Sauls. I, too, have recently seen the house and am thrilled with the appearance of the home. She and her family are to be highly commended!

However, I was struck by your reference to "that old house" across from the Methodist Church.

"That old house" was featured not so many years ago in your paper's series on Elba's lovely historic homes. It was purchased by my grandfather, B.W. Page, one of Elba's early prominent citizens, at the turn of the century and was the home of my parents, James and Lois Page English, and of my mother until her death in 1987.

My father was a merchant on Elba's square and an active civic leader. My mother and I were born in the same room in that house, and the house holds dear childhood memories for both me and my daughter.

Can you imagine how heartbroken my husband and I have been to see our historic home devastated in the 1990 flood and sink into a state of disrepair? Believe me, we have grieved with all the town. We were indeed thankful when Mrs. Sauls purchased the house and transformed it into the lovely place it is now.

In your reference to the place that my Elbaans who knew my family remember as more than "that old house," you have stepped on my toes and on my heart. I do not wish to be critical, but I hope you will understand why I felt I had to make my feelings known.

It is my hope and prayer that my beloved hometown will continue to recover and progress toward a bright future.

Sincerely,

Nina English Herring

KURIPHA DUNAWAY

Mrs. Xuripa Dunaway, age 96, of Montgomery, died Sept. 7, 1998, at Crown Health Care.

Funeral services were held Sept. 9, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. John Bryan officiating. Burial followed in Enterprise City Cemetery, Enterprise, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Dunaway was active in the Elba United Methodist Church for many years. Memorial contributions may be made to the Elba United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law: Anna Frances and Rev. Richard Nixon, of Enterprise, with the couple was William Jefferson Clinton.

Clinton should take his own

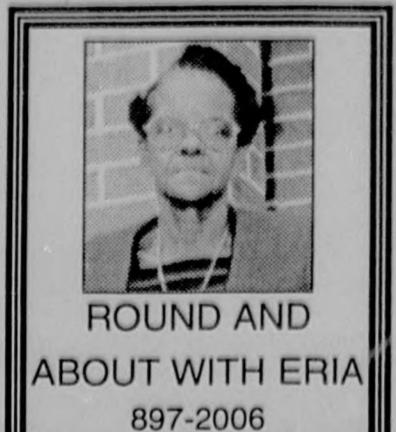
advice and resign.</

# CHURCH & COMMUNITY

Dr. Ben Johnson to preach at Elba First United Methodist Church



Dr. Ben Johnson

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ABOUT WITH ERIA  
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It is with deep regret we inform the faithful readers of Eria Belcher's column that it will not be printed this week.

Mrs. Belcher is in Montgomery where her husband Grover is confined to the hospital as he continues to fight an ongoing medical problem.

Your prayers for the Belcher family would be appreciated.

## Alabama Democratic Conference to have dinner

The Coffee County Chapter of the Alabama Democratic Conference will celebrate its annual fellowship dinner on September 19, at Enterprise State Jr. College. The reception begins at 6 p.m.

and dinner at 7 p.m. Guest speaker is Larry Langford, mayor of Fairfield.

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Art and Craft spaces still available for Williams Station Day

The Atmore Area Chamber of Commerce is still accepting applications for Atmore's Williams Station Day Arts and Crafts Show on Saturday, Oct. 24. Williams Station Day is a railroad heritage festival celebrating Atmore's history which dates back to 1866 when Atmore, then named Williams Station, was a supply stop along the Mobile and Great Northern rail-road.

**Friendship Baptist to have Homecoming**

Friendship Baptist Church in the Bullock County, Crenshaw County, will have Homecoming Sunday, Sept. 20. Rev. Bob Powell will be homecoming speaker.

Sunday School will be held at 10 a.m., with regular church services at 11. Lunch will be served at noon.

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# SCHOOLS

## Elementary School News



### Zion Chapel High School REBEL NEWS

Rachel Bryan, Sponsor

UPPER GRADES ARE DEPARTMENTALIZED  
by Michell McIntosh

Fourth- and fifth-graders are changing classes this year because their grade levels are departmentalized.

Each teacher is responsible for spelling and reading for their own homeroom. Fourth-grade homeroom teachers are Mrs. Chris Sulley and Mrs. Beverly Liptrot. Fifth-grade homeroom teachers are Mr. Jo Ann Jones and Mrs. Judy Monday.

Mrs. Sulley teaches social studies. Mrs. Liptrot teaches math. Mrs.

#### MAKING WISE FOOD DECISIONS

by Michell McIntosh

Candy or fruit? It's a hard choice, but the second-graders from Zion Chapel Elementary School are learning to make better daily choices in the foods they eat.

The second grade is involved in a nutrition educational program called "Delicious Decisions: Food Choices to Go On". This program is presented by Susan Taylor, a Coffee County Extension agent.

Students are learning about nutrition from all of the food groups. They are learning better food choices by classroom activities such as nutrition games, writing, and food tasting. Each child was given a Food Guide Pyramid magnet so that they could take it home and put it on their refrigerator to remind them of making wise choices when it comes to the foods they eat.

## BE CAREFUL!

## Have You Ever Been To Summer School?

by April Grissett  
Have you ever been to summer school? If so, you can relate to this article. There are many reasons why you would have to go to summer school.

## Halsey Studies On Sea Lab

by Blake Weeks  
Heather Halsey, a senior at Zion Chapel, spent four weeks studying marine sciences at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab.

The Dauphin Island Sea Lab is a summer program for students of all ages to study the different aspects of marine sciences. During her 180 hours of class Heather studied physical oceanography, botany, invertebrates, vertebrates, estuaries, barrier islands, hurricanes, marine chemistry, and algae.

Heather said that while studying the many kinds of marine sciences they made many boat trips into the Gulf of Mexico, Mobile Bay, and the Mississippi Sound.

To maintain their individual salt water aquariums they collected by scuba. They conducted their own experiments and research projects.

Heather said that the experience was not all work. They made trips to New Orleans, Panama City, and they went into Mobile weekly. She had a chance to try coral reef fishing

## ZC Welcomes New Teacher

by Blake Weeks

Mrs. Lisa Duebelt, of Andalusia, is the new teacher of senior high English. She is a graduate of Troy State University where she earned a BS degree in Secondary Education with endorsements in English and Health.

Mrs. Duebelt is married to Steve Duebelt and they have three children, Rochelle who is 15; Jodi who is 13 and Stevie who is 6.

Mrs. Duebelt said, "I look forward to a great year at Z.C. The faculty and students have made me feel welcome, and hopefully I will do a good job."

## Coffee County Schools Menu Sept. 14 - 18, 1998

### BREAKFAST

**Monday** - Honey Bun, Cereal, Milk, Orange Juice, Milk  
**Tuesday** - Cheese Grits, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Wednesday** - Pancake PUPS, Cereal, Milk  
**Thursday** - Biscuits, Ham, Cereal, Milk  
**Friday** - French Toast Sticks, Syrup, Ham Slice, Juice, Milk

### LUNCH

**Monday** - Sausage Pizza or Chicken Fingers, Potato, English Peas, Fruit, Rolls, Milk  
**Tuesday** - Chicken Salad or Ham Sandwich, Tater Tots, Broccoli w/cheese sauce, Fruit, Dried Spices, Crackers, Milk  
**Wednesday** - Beefaroni or Hot Dog, Veggie whip, Onion Rings, Chilled Fruit, Juice Bar, Crackers, Milk  
**Thursday** - Turkey Sir Fry or Burrito, Fruit, Rice, Rolls, Milk  
**Friday** - Fish Sandwich or Beef Burrito, Mixed Vegetables, French Fries, Fruit, Jello, Milk

## New Officers Take Over FFA Leadership

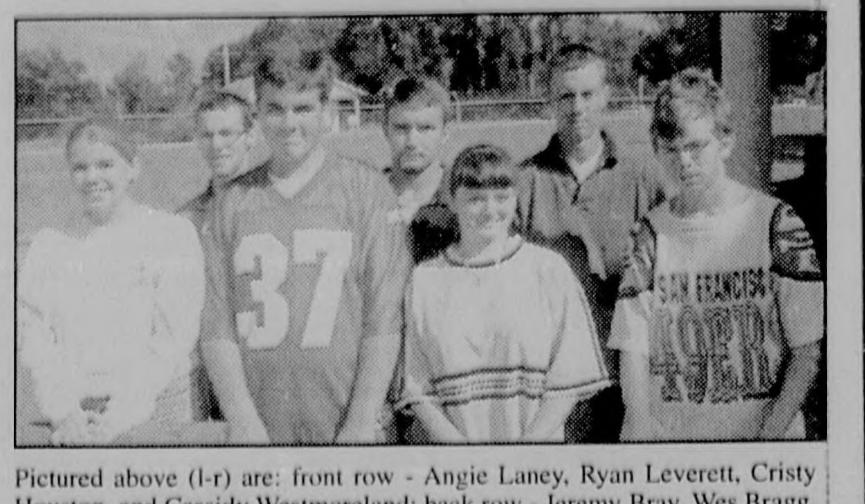
by Cristy Houston  
Opening Ceremonies began the night before the first day of school and the officers chosen to serve with Angie were Vice President Ryan Leverett, Secretary Cindy Westmoreland, Treasurer Jeremy Bray, Sentinel Wes Bragg, and Historian Charles Spears III.

Officers for the Chapter were chosen at the end of the last school year and the other officers chosen to serve with Angie were Vice President Ryan Leverett, Secretary Cindy Westmoreland, Treasurer Jeremy Bray, Sentinel Wes Bragg, and Historian Charles Spears III.

Each of the officers is working toward a degree awarded by the Chapter or by the state organization. Angie has her Chapter Degree and is working toward her State Degree. Ryan, Cassidy, Jeremy, Wes, and Charles have been awarded their Greenhand Degrees and are working on their Chapter Degrees. Cristy already has her Chapter Degree.

As the first officers of the chapter, they explained where they would be stationed during meetings and why they would be stationed in these places. This is a part of the Opening Ceremonies.

Jeremy Bragg had the first item when business was called for and he wished to discuss discipline. He began by telling the problems that had been experienced in the past



Pictured above (l-r) are: front row - Angie Laney, Ryan Leverett, Cristy Houston, and Cassidy Westmoreland; back row - Jeremy Bray, Wes Bragg.

during meetings and he explained how the problems would be handled this year. Any member who gets out of line during a meeting will have a hole punched in his/her membership card. If a member gets three holes the person will not be allowed to attend any meetings or the color of shirt.

Ryan Leverett talked about the fruit sale which is the largest fundraiser that FFA has. He also explained the new policies concerning the parking lot which will supersede members get a chance to attend District and State competition.

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# SPORTS

## Views from .... THE PRESSBOX By Ricky Mularz

I've never really paid a lot of attention to cheerleaders, but this year with a cheerleader in the house I have come to appreciate the girls a little more and realize that they do a lot more than most people think about. The girls have plenty to do just practicing their cheers and getting ready for the pep rallies, but after just two weeks Melissa has already baked cookies for the players, helped hand out sandwiches to the players after the games and given the team moral support. All of that is in addition to painting signs, hanging up the signs at the games cheering almost non-stop during the games while walking up and down the sidelines, dancing to all the tunes the band plays and much, much more. I used to think you couldn't tire out a teenager, but after two weeks of the season I can already see a young lady that looks forward to the weekends, and the extra hours of sleep!

### ELBA TIGERS PLAY HARD, FALL HARD IN LUVERNE

The Elba Tigers saw their record slip to 0-2 Friday night with a 40-18 loss to Luverne, and while the score might indicate a blowout for the home team, I bet the players in Luverne will be the first to tell you that the Elba Tigers were better than people knew, and played very hard Friday night in a losing cause. While it was a losing cause, it was not a losing effort, and that is what matters when a team is trying to fight its way back to becoming a winning football team.

The Elba offense surprised many in attendance as it rolled to 19 first downs and rushed for 216 yards on 55 running plays. That is an average of almost four yards per carry on 55 carries, which would be good enough to win for just about any team at any level of play. The Tigers used their entire corps of running backs in the game, and had big runs from sophomore Tony Burks and freshman Derek Coleman, not to mention solid efforts from Kene Mitchell, Eric Jordan, Josh Hodge, Bradley Bowers, Kevin Dodd and Jawaune Hughes. If the Tigers can get winning efforts from that many backs, they should be able to keep fresh backs in the game and be able to be successful running the ball. Bradley Bowers also had a good night passing, and looked confident at quarterback, despite the lack of experience. Bowers was also seen moving along the sideline talking with his teammates, trying to keep the players' spirits up in the very tough battle. This youngster may be the leader the Tigers will need as the season goes on.

When a team rushes for over 200 yards the line must have been doing something right, and that was the case Friday night. The Elba offensive line battled through the game and never backed up from a challenge. The line is not real big and has very little game experience, but Friday night they grew up in battle, and maybe they will begin to take charge on the field.

The defense saw Luverne put 40 points on the scoreboard and has now seen the opening two opponents score 73 points. However, the defense played hard in the loss to Luverne and can't be blamed for 22 of the points that Luverne scored. The defense twice held Luverne on goal line stands, only to see Luverne score on fourth down plays, and passed some licks that got folks' attention. The defense is certainly not a strength, but it is playing hard, and Friday night seemed ready to take the fight to a very good Luverne football team.

I told some people that it is bad when you leave the game feeling like you played well and you still lost 40-18. That is the case with the Elba players and the fans, and the thing that counts is when the final horn sounds. However, the Elba Tigers took a step forward Friday night, and while it may not have been a big step, it was a step in the right direction, and that is what has to happen if the Tigers are going to win games as the season progresses. I know the players are tired, battered and bruised after two weeks of action, but they have to believe that in weeks to come they will be the ones dishing out the pain and when they do, the wins will come. Just watch!

### ANOTHER LACKLUSTER WEEK FOR AREA GRIDDERS

The second week of the season was a replay of the first for area teams as Brantley was the only team to get a win. Here's a quick look back at week #2...

**\*\*\*BRANTLEY(2-0)** struggled on offense, but saw its defense come up with 11 turnovers as the Bulldogs blanked Georgiana 27-0. The Bulldogs offense has yet to show the spark that many thought it would bring, but it may be the offense that has to come up with the big plays to win a game. The Bulldogs are 2-0 and have solid teams; however, they need to start improving in all areas and stop listening to all the fanatics telling them how good they are. Their opponents don't care what the fans say!

**\*\*\*NEW BROCKTON(0-2)** suffered its second straight loss, and the Gamecocks have to be wondering what is going wrong after being picked to the team to beat in the area. The Gamecocks still have a good team, they are simply 0-2 after two weeks, like a lot of other teams across the state. The difference is that the Gamecocks have the talent to turn things around, and need just a few good things to happen to ignite the sleeping giant. Don't worry about what has happened, go out and do something about what will happen in weeks to come. The only good thing about losing is that after the game is over, it is over!

**\*\*\*KINSTON(0-2)** was impressive at times in its opening loss to Arton, but apparently had very few things go right last week in its big 42-0 loss to Wicksburg. The Bulldogs are low in numbers and may not be the most talented 2A team around; however, they do have some players that take a great deal of pride in what they do. They must remember and make certain that they improve every time they step on the field. The Bulldogs need to quit being along for the ride and take the game one play at a time. "C'mon guys, you aren't as bad as many think. Show'em!"

**\*\*\*JION CHAPEL(0-2)** lost a heartbreaker in overtime to Isabella, but has no time to feel sorry for itself and now has to get ready for the meat of the schedule. The Rebels played well in both their opening games and with a break here or there could have won them both. Instead they are 0-2, and many fans are already predicting a winless season. Hey, two games don't make a season, and for a team as young as Zion Chapel, you have to believe that better days are ahead. It may not happen in a day, or two, but as the youngsters grow up the wins will come.

### WEEK #2 BRINGS WITH SOME UNEXPECTED EXCITEMENT

The second week of the high school football season brought with it some surprises, both in the forms of upsets, and unexpected scores. Here's a quick look back at week #2 across the state...

**\*\*\*Andalusia** got in the win column with a big 36-18 win over Monroe County. The Bulldogs were given credit for a deal after the opening loss, but showed last week that they can still win and score some points in doing so.

**\*\*\*Baker County** came to Alabama Friday night and demolished Enterprise 35-10, in a game that really wasn't even that close. The Wildcats were making a lot of noise after a big week #1 win over Foley, but now realize that success is judged one week at a time.

**\*\*\*Daleville** moved to 2-0 with a big win over Cottonwood, and now has to be considered "for real." The Warriors have been winning big in recent years without receiving a lot of respect, but are finally beginning to turn some heads.

**\*\*\*Daleville** also moved to 2-0 with a 21-20 win over 1A power Billingsley. While a win over a 1A team may not gain many fans excited, it was a very big win for the Warhawks and their new football coach. The Hawks indeed have developed a winning program.

**\*\*\*Dothan** moved to 2-0 with a win over Baker, a 2A power from Florida. The Tigers were slowed by the loss of their best offensive player, but found out first hand that anything can happen on any given Friday

### ELBA VS. OPP

\*\*\*Geneva got its first win of the season by sneaking past Rehobeth 13-10. The Panthers are once again a team to watch in the 4A ranks, and appear to be getting better and better each week. Yes, they are for real!

**\*\*\*Greenville** bounced back from an opening loss to Dothan with a shocking 9-6 win over Jeff Davis. It is true the Vols are down a little this season, but the SA Tigers showed everyone across the state that they still play big time defense in Greenville.

**\*\*\*Straughn** saw a last-second chance to win turn into a nightmare as a 13-7 loss to Headland. The Tigers were going for the win with the field goal try, only to see it backfire.

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Jess Lanier 10 Dothan 3

Enterprise 17 Prattville 14

Eufaula 35 B.T. Washington 12

Ch. Henderson 13 Southside 6

Carroll 27 Dale County 14

Andalusia 20 Ashford 12

Rehobeth 13 Wicksburg 12

Luverne 26 Pike County 8

Headland 20 Houston Co. 19

Geneva 27 Slocumb 19

T.R. Miller 16 Daleville 13

Cottonwood 15 Alabeville 13

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Flora 37 Louisville 18

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### ONCE OVER, NOT ALWAYS SO LIGHTLY...

The Alabama Crimson Tide gave its fans one of the most exciting games ever in Bryant-Denny Stadium Saturday night in outscoring Brigham Young 38-31. The Tide offense got off to a fast start, then took advantage of some big plays by the defense to score late to put the win away. It was a big win for Coach DuBose and his staff, but I am sure they will tell you the season still has a long way to go.

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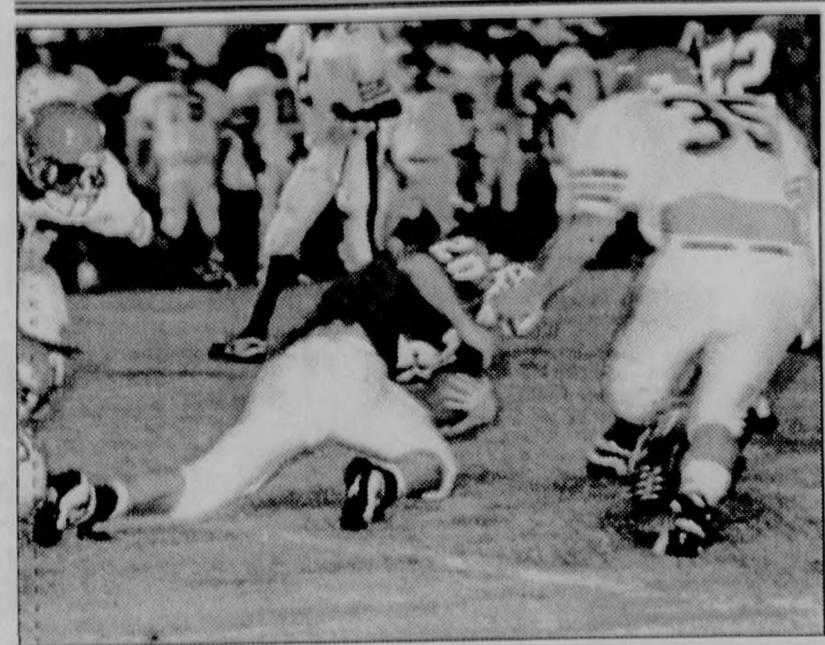
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# SPORTS



Brantley's Alan Compton (20) fights for extra yardage in the Bulldogs' 27-0 win over Georgiana.

New Brockton hosts Ariton Friday while other area teams hit the road hoping to improve on records

The high school football season will kick off its third week of the season Friday night, and it will be back on the road for three of the four teams in the area, with only the New Brockton Gamecocks being able to enjoy the benefits of playing at home.

Following is a brief preview of this week's area games of interest:

#### BRANTLEY AT GOSHEN

The Brantley Bulldogs will put their two-game winning streak on the line Friday night when they travel to Goshen to battle the winless, but always dangerous Goshen Eagles.

The Bulldogs stand at 2-0, and the Bulldog defense has been solid as it has yet to allow a touchdown.

In the winner Georgiana, Brantley came out with 11 turnovers and limited the Panthers to less than 100 yards in total offense.

The Eagles were expected to be one of the top teams around this season, but have dropped their opening two games to Highland Home 48-20 and Calhoun

33-20, and will be hungry when they Bulldogs pay a visit Friday night.

With Goshen allowing an average of over 40 points a game, look for the Brantley offense to light up the scoreboard.

#### KINSTON AT RED LEVEL

Two teams still trying to get in the win column will need Friday night to Red Level when the Kinston Bulldogs tangle with the Red Level Tigers.

The Bulldogs stand at 0-2 after losses to 35-6 and Wicksburg 42-0, but the Dogs have played two of the better teams in the Wiregrass area, and should have

Improves record to 2-0

## Brantley pounds Panthers 27-0

By Greg Brunson, Sportswriter

The Brantley Bulldogs claimed their second win of the young football season Friday night with a convincing 27-0 drubbing of the Georgiana Panthers.

The Bulldog defense was the star of the game as it claimed 11 turnovers, including 8 fumbles and 3 interceptions.

The Bulldog defense tackled Greg Sill at the Panther 17-yard-line late in the opening stanza on a Georgiana punt attempt to set Brantley up in excellent scoring position. Two consecutive penalties backed the Bulldogs up to the 25, where Darrell Owens took a pitch around left end and set sail for the endzone. The conversion was 27-0 with 10:47 still left on the clock.

The Bulldog defense continued to dominate for the remainder of the final stanza as Darrell Owens intercepted a pass and Rodney Wiley claimed his second fumble recovery of the night. The Bulldog defense simply ran the clock down to 0:00 and held on to take the 27-0 win.

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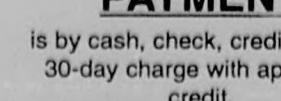
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## County approves \$10.4 million budget

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission opened its meeting Monday by recognizing the Foster Grandparent Program. There were eleven out of twenty-two participants of the program present at the commission meeting. Commissioners also signed a proclamation proclaiming this week as Foster Grandparent Week in Coffee County.

Morley's meeting was relatively short with the commission approving next year's budget and hearing a report from the highway department's activity from county engineer Randy Tindell.

Commissioners approved the Fiscal Year '99 budget by a 6 to 1 vote with Commissioner Doug Dalrymple abstaining. The budget was adopted during the past year.

Some of the highlights of the road work as follows: resurfaced 11 roads totaling 27.5 miles; constructed 2 new bridge culverts; paved two dirt roads totaling 6 miles; completed 16 culvert repair projects; striped centerline on 55 roads; sprayed right-of-ways totaling about 9,000 acres and mowed twice for about 4,500 acres; completed 701 work orders from county residents; placed 6,215 tons of rock on dirt roads; blazed 2,358 miles of dirt roads; and moved more than 206,080 yards of dirt for the construction of cell 4 at the county landfill at a savings of more than \$302,000 (contract dollars) to the county.

Tindell said, "1998 has probably been one of the busiest years that I've faced as a county engineer."

He stated that the county had more work under contract this year than ever in the history of the highway department.

He added, "I'm pleased with what we've done."

New Brockton Mayor Britt Lee addressed the commission on behalf of the New Brockton Senior Citizen Center. He told commissioners that

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Commissioner Kayo Lewis responded to Dalrymple. "Everyone is entitled to their opinion and certainly Commissioner Dalrymple is entitled to his. Personally, I think we've done a good job on the budget."

Lee added, "I also think that we have done a good job on paving and fixing roads."

Engined Tindell gave the commissioners a comprehensive report of what his department had accomplished during the past year.

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In presenting the letter to the commission, Moore complimented Westbrook on the work she had done in getting this study completed. "She deserves all the credit for this. She did all the leg work," he said.

Finally, Commissioner Bernest Brooks asked for a status report on the implementation of accounting controls to hopefully prevent the spending of county funds in the future.

Kathy Lolley, assistant county administrator, noted that one of the biggest problems was that in the case, one person was responsible for collecting money on behalf of the transaction. That is no longer the case. As many as four individuals will be involved in the collection

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**HARVISON HONORED...** Now it's official, Nell Harvison has retired. A belated reception for Nell was held last Wednesday after being interrupted by another flood. A large crowd gathered in the main courtroom of the Elba Courthouse where Nell spent more than 40 years serving Coffee County to pay tribute to her for the many years of service. Pictured above with Nell are four of the Probate Judges that she served. They are (l-r): Former Judge James L. Sawyer, Judge William O. Gammon, and Former Judge Marion B. Brunson. She began her lengthy service under the late Judge J. O. English.

## Council makes appointments, considers budget

by Ferin Cox, Publisher

Clerk Donnie Morrow shows that salaries make up 44.35% of the total budget at \$913,000.00. Retirement insurance is included in "Other Personnel Cost" at \$280,000.00 or 13.6% of the total.

The budget under consideration by the city council is \$108,333 lower than the budget for the current year. Most of this amount, \$105,000, is a reduction in proposed cash carryovers. The new budget proposal totals \$2,359,000.00. It will be voted on at a later meeting.

The only capital investments projected for the upcoming year are \$35,000 for a new fire truck and \$25,000 to resurface tennis courts in the recreation department.

A pie chart prepared by City

**City BOE transfers Mulberry Heights school property to City of Elba**

bus shop in the new school complex West of town. This property is joined by another five acres, currently being used by the Elba recreation program as a day program.

The resolution declared the contract to complete on the new transportation facility; the board declared it no longer needs the property nor facilities; the board voted unanimously to revert the property and building to the City of Elba.

The school is no longer using the building and associated five acres of land, since completion of the new school.

**Elba PD solves burglaries**

The Elba Police Department recently solved several burglaries and thefts, recovering several items of personal property.

Another incident occurred on August 17, at a residence on North Claxton Avenue where a person or persons entered a storage room and took approximately \$1,000 worth of merchandise.

According to Criminal Investigator Sgt. Johnny R. Senn,

the police department, for the past several weeks, has been investigating incidents of burglaries and thefts. On August 11, 1998, a residence located on Smith Avenue was broken into and several household items - dishes, decorations and firearms - were taken. No exact monetary value has been placed on these items.

Another incident was reported on August 17, at a residence on North Claxton Avenue where a person or persons entered a storage room and took approximately \$1,000 worth of merchandise.

On September 8, another residence on Hickman Avenue was broken into and a window fan and clothes dryer were taken. The estimated value of the property taken was \$180.00. These items, along with other stolen property form an unrelated incident, were discovered in a wooded area later in the day near the Hickman Avenue residence.

On September 10, Daniels was arrested and charged with three counts of burglary in the third degree, one count of burglary in the first degree, and violation of probation.

He has been placed in the Coffee County Jail with bonds set totaling \$1,000; however, due to the charge of violation of probation, Daniels will be held without bail pending a revocation hearing.

The grants include \$26,900 in FEMA disaster funds; \$75,000 in EWP funds and a \$5,000 grant from RC&D.

## Area Happenings

**AREA FOOTBALL.** Area high school football games scheduled for Friday are as follows: Elba has an open date; Zion Chapel travels to Arinton; New Brockton is on the road against Straughn; Kinston travels to Samson; and Brantley plays host to McKenzie. All games, unless otherwise noted, start at 7:00 p.m.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT.** The first annual Elba Athletic Club Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, September 19, at the Elba County Club. Tee time is 9:00 a.m. To sign up, call 897-6600 or 897-2122. The cost to enter is \$25.00 per person and prizes will be awarded to the first place team. All entries must be made prior to 9:00 a.m. Saturday. A free hamburger lunch will be served at noon to all participants. All proceeds will go to the Elba Athletic Club.

**BUILDING DEDICATION.** The New Brockton Fire Department and New Brockton Rescue Squad will hold a grand opening and dedication of their new fire and rescue building Saturday, September 26, at 2:00 p.m. The new facility is located on Ainsley Street.

**CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.** Plans are now underway for Elba's annual Christmas Festival to be held on the square in downtown Elba. The date is Saturday, November 28, 1998. Watch for additional announcements and information concerning the festival in *The Elba Clipper*.